Recommendations of study group on development of SSI

2406. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the recommendations of the study group on the development of small enterprises have been ignored and only a few of them have been implemented; and

(b) the details of recommendations yet to be implemented and implemented, so far?

THE MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) and (b) Out of the 64 recommendations of the Study Group constituted under the chairmanship of Dr. S.P. Gupta, by the Planning Commission, 57 recommendations were accepted by the Government. The accepted recommendations yet to be implemented include enactment of laws relating to Limited Liability Partnerships and Factories Services as well as Simplification of Regulatory Laws. Action has been completed in respect of most of the other accepted recommendations, which, *inter alia,* include enhancement of excise exemption limit from Rs. 50 lakh to Rs. 1 crore, notification of the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Development Act, 2006 which provides for 3-tier definition of enterprises, covering micro, small and medium enterprises, setting up a cell in the office of Development Commissioner (Small Scale Industries) in respect of matters relating to World Trade Organisation agreements, subsidy for technology upgradation (15% capital subsidy provided under Credit Linked Capital Subsidy Scheme for technology upgradation), taking decisions on de-reservation of items reserved for exclusive manufacture by small scale industries (SSI) in consultation with the stakeholders, enhancement of investment ceiling for small manufacturing enterprises from Rs. 1 crore to Rs. 5 crore, conduct of fresh census for SSI sector, involvement of SSI Associations in census and other data collection, programme to modernize export-oriented industrial clusters, continuation of ISO 9000 certification scheme, specialized bank branches for SSI lending, etc.